financial progress on this project is 76% and Rs. 17.25 crores respectively. The year-wise progress achieved on this bypass upto 31-3-2003 is as follows :

Year	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	Total
Physical progress (%)	4	3	16	30	17	6	76

(c) Completion of the project has been delayed due to delay in land acquisition by the State Govt.

Pollution Check

5089. SHRI AMAR SINGH : Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the existing system of pollution check is not fool-proof;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) the remedial steps Government have taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) (B.C. KHANDURI) : (a) to (c) Under Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989, the norms for Pollution Control Checks and the periodicity for such checks have been prescribed. Enforcement of these provisions is the responsibility of the transport authorities of respective States/ UTs. Prescription of tighter norms and inclusion of more number of pollutants under the check is an on going process duly taking into account the constantly improving motor vehicle technology, availability of duly certified emission measurement equipment as also the availability of required infrastructure in PUC certification centres.

Link with National Highways in Karnataka

5090. DR. VIJAY MALLYA : Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of National Highways passing through Karnataka;

(b) the number of districts that are served by these National Highways;

(c) whether Government propose to link the remaining districts of the State of Karnataka to the National Highways; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI] : (a) 13 number of National Highways pass through Karnataka.

(b) Out of total 27 districts, 24 districts are served by National Highways in Karnataka State;

(c) No, Sir;

(d) Does not arise.

Pollution check in Delhi

5091. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO : Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the reasons for having same emission norms for Euro-2 and non-Euro-2 vehicles in Delhi under the Motor Vehicles Rules;

(b) the details of the rules under which polluting vehicles not having PUC are prosecuted;

(c) whether prosecution is for having pollution level beyond norms or for not having PUC and the reasons therefor; and

(d) how a vehicle having PUC but pollution level beyond the prescribed norms and vehicles not having PUC but pollution within the limit, are dealt with?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI] : (a) Stricter emission norms for Pollution Under Control check of Euro-II equivalent vehicles have not so far been prescribed as these norms would require availability of testing facilities to test and certify the equipment required to measure such norms.

(b) and (c) The penalties and the procedure for imposing penalties on vehicles plying in contravention of the rules regarding pollution control checks have been prescribed under Rule 116 of Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989.

(d) The penalties for both having pollution level beyond prescribed norms and for not having PUC Certificate at all are covered under said rule. Enforcement of the rule comes under the purview of the respective State Governments.